

CYNTHIA AND SARA'S
SECRET SOURCES
AND
NYC FAVORITES

Where We Go For Inspiration

The Top Floor of Ralph Lauren on Madison and 72nd. A series of exquisite rooms redecorated every couple months by RL designer and secret weapon, Alfredo Paredes.

Neue Gallery at 86th and Madison. Viennese expressionism including warm woods, threadbare rugs and low lighting. Go for espresso and art

Frick Collection at 1 East 70th. This is a small, quiet, perfect art moment — especially during the week

Morgan Library at 225 Madison. Stop by to see their beautiful floors

Highline Garden on 10th Avenue and Gansevoort Street. This old New York subway line was turned into an amazing modernist garden/elevated park.

Highly Curated, Overpriced Shops where you can Develop an Eye.

Soho Area:

Moss — at 150 Greene St. This was the first modernist tchotchke shop and is still the best — almost like a museum.

Ochre — around the corner on 462 Broome Street. Think Neo-Edwardian armchairs and wide plank floors

Partners and Spade — at 40 Great Jones Street. Andy Spade, the husband of highly successful handbag designer, Kate Spade, has his own unique take on shopping. Visit.

Upper East Side Area: If you are in the 70s, drop by these tiny, beautifully curated shops full of impossibly priced antiques. The owners LOVE interested curious shoppers and are all Domino fans.

Cove Landing — at 995 Lexington. This shop is owned by two former Christie's executives who've filled it with European antiques. It's Charles Darwin on a binge.

Louis Bofferding — at 970 Lexington. Edith Wharton could have invented this guy. Each month, his store window, pays homage to a different design star. Go in the store just to find out what the window "means."

Markham Roberts and James Sansum — at 1020 Lexington, upstairs. This well-known (and friendly) decorator and his partner have an incredible collection of Old Masters Drawings and Asian art.

Our All-Time Favorite Colors (today). Benjamin Moore except where marked.

River Rock – blacky green

Patriot Blue – rich lapis lazuli

Ruby Red – a true, clear Chinese red

Autumn Cover — saffrony pumpkin

Split Pea – yellowy-greenery chartreuse

Raccoon fur – sophisticated charcoal

Bed of Pine - the perfect emerald (Pratt&Lambert)

Softies to balance the jewel tones:

Early Morning Mist – a milky café au lait

White Dove – a warm white that decorators swear by. Ben Moore's China White is the ultimate decorating no-no because it makes you look dead

Great Websites

Sheherazade.com – very reasonably priced Ikat pillows, Moroccan rugs, lamps, etc.

Jamali.com – great cheap gardening stuff from vases and floral supplies to outdoor lanterns

Robertarollerrabbit.com – brightly colored, hand-blocked, inexpensive fabrics

Pearlriver.com – the secret source of New York's swankiest decorators for really cheap shades, ginger jars, trays, etc.

Our Fave Blogs

flavorwire.com – more indie, street cred, breaking news

coolhunting.com – new products and gadgets with avante-garde luxe

Casasugar.com – interviews with newsmakers

Decorno – snarky mix of what's going on right this minute in the world as seen through an aesthetic prism

m-a-belle.com – strictly pretty rooms and lite market news

theselby.com – cult interiors photographer/blogger

allthebestblog.com – proustian interviews with style icons and global tastemakers

theestateofthings.com – market-focused site highlighting harder to find, quirky and not so quirky stuff

designspongeonline.com – worships trends and products

remodelista.com – renovation based blog

stylecourt.blogspot.com – decorators, design history, vintage decorating books and magazines

stylebeat.blogspot.com – total insider who's worked at all the shelter books and has a great take on taste

thepeakofchic.blogspot.com – southern decorator obsessed

vicentewolfblog.com – old-school high end decorator sharing his tricks and sources.

nickolsenstyle.blogspot. - hilarious assistant to high end decorator blasting personal decorating advice among other things.

<http://www.doublex.com/blog/nicksdreamhouse> – same guy as above, more design related

Loverslandblog.com – bohemian lifestyle and graphics

hollisterhovey.blogspot.com – for anglophile trends

katyelliott.com/blog/ - great looking Euro interiors for inspiration

songoftheexile.blogspot.com – Richmond trend setter shows what she's wearing every day! And it's usually adorable

lonnymag.com – brand new domino copy catter from an ex-domino employee